

REMARKS

The Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated December 14, 2004 (Paper No. 1). Claims 1 to 10, 12 and 13 are in the application, of which Claim 1 is independent. Claim 11 is being canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter. Claims 1, 12 and 14 to 16 are being amended. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that Claims 11, 12, 14/11/1, 15/11/1, 16/11/1, 14/12/1, 15/12/1 and 16/12/1 recite allowable subject matter.

Claims 1 to 10, 13, 14/1 to 14/10, 14/13, 15/1 to 15/10, 15/13, 16/1 to 16/10 and 16/13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,330,369 (Cornog). Without conceding the correctness of the rejection, Claim 1 is being amended to incorporate allowable subject matter from Claim 11. Accordingly, it is believed that independent Claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

No other matters being raised in the Office Action, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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